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I. TERMS OF REFERENCE AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

1. At its fifty-first session, the General Assembly, in its resolution 51/45 A of 10 December 1996, took note of the decision of the parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, following appropriate consultations, to hold the first meeting of the Preparatory Committee in New York from 7 to 18 April 1997.

2. Accordingly, the Committee held its first session in New York from 7 to 18 April 1997. Following the decision taken at that session, the Committee held its second session in Geneva from 27 April to 8 May 1998 and its third in New York from 10 to 21 May 1999. Progress reports covering the first two sessions of the Committee were issued, respectively, as documents NPT/CONF.2000/PC.I/32 and NPT/CONF.2000/PC.II/36.

3. At the first session of the Preparatory Committee an understanding had been reached among delegations, according to which a representative of the Western Group should be proposed to chair the first session, a representative of the Group of Eastern European States should be proposed to chair the second session, a representative of the Group of Non-Aligned and Other States parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons should be proposed to chair the third session and a representative of the Group of Non-Aligned and Other States parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons should be proposed for the presidency of the 2000 Review Conference.

4. Pursuant to that understanding, at its first session, the Preparatory Committee elected Mr. Pasi Patokallio (Finland) to serve as Chairman of the first session. It also decided that Mr. Tadeusz Strulak (Poland) would be Chairman of the second session. It was also decided that when not serving as Chairman, the Chairmen of the sessions of the Preparatory Committee would serve as Vice-Chairmen of the Committee. At its second session, the Committee was informed that the Government of Poland had proposed Mr. Eugeniusz Wyzner to succeed Mr. Strulak in his function as Chairman of the second session. Furthermore, at this session, the Committee elected Mr. Andelfo Garcia Gonzales (Colombia) as Chairman of the third session and as Vice-Chairman of the second session, and Mr. Markku Reimaa (Finland) as Vice-Chairman of the Committee. At its third session, the Committee had been informed that the Government of Colombia had proposed Mr. Camilo Reyes Rodríguez to succeed Mr. Garcia in his function as Chairman of the third session. At the third session, the Committee authorized its Bureau and the President-Elect to handle technical and other organizational matters in the period before the Conference. It also decided that the Chairman of the third session should open the Conference.

5. At its first session, the Committee adopted its agenda as contained in paragraph 8 of document NPT/CONF.2000/PC.I/32.

6. Mrs. Hannelore Hoppe, Senior Political Affairs Officer, Department for Disarmament Affairs, served as Secretary of the Preparatory Committee. The International Atomic Energy Agency was represented at all sessions.

7. Delegations of the following 156 States parties participated in one or more sessions of the Preparatory Committee:

Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Holy See, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia,

Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

8. At its first session, the Committee decided that:

- Representatives of States not parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) should be allowed, upon request, to attend as observers the meetings of the Committee other than those designated closed meetings, to be seated in the Committee behind their countries' nameplates and to receive documents of the

Committee. They should also be entitled, at their own expense, to submit documents to the participants in the Committee. Accordingly, representatives of the following States not parties to the Treaty attended one or more sessions of the Committee as observers: Cuba, Israel and Pakistan.

- Representatives of specialized agencies and regional intergovernmental organizations should be allowed, upon request, to attend as observers the meetings of the Committee other than those designated closed meetings, to be seated in the Committee behind their organizations' nameplates and to receive documents of the Committee. They should also be entitled, at their own expense, to submit documents to the participants in the Committee. The following intergovernmental organizations were represented as observers at meetings of the Committee: Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (OPANAL), the European Commission, the South Pacific Forum, the League of Arab States, the Organization of the Islamic Conference, and the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization.

- Representatives of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) should be allowed, upon request, to attend the meetings of the Committee other than those designated closed, to be seated in the public gallery, to receive documents of the Committee and, at their own expense, to make written material available to the participants in the Committee. The

Committee would also make time available at each session, during which the non-governmental organizations could make presentations. Representatives of over 70 non-governmental organizations attended each of the sessions of the Committee.

9. At its first session, the Committee decided to make every effort to adopt its decisions by consensus. In the event that consensus could not be reached, the Committee would then take decisions in accordance with the rules of procedure of the 1995 Review and Extension Conference of the parties to the NPT, which would be applied mutatis mutandis.

10. Also at its first session, the Committee decided to use Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish as its working languages.

11. In accordance with the Committee's decision at its first session, summary records were provided, at each session, for the committee's opening meetings, the general debate and the closing meetings (NPT/CONF.2000/PC.I/SR.1-3, 13 and 15; NPT/CONF.2000/PC.II/SR.1-4 and 16; and NPT/CONF.2000/PC.III/SR.1- ....). The summary records of the third session are issued separately as annex I to the present report.

12. At each session, the Committee set aside meetings for a general exchange of views on issues related to all aspects of its work in the course of which many delegations made statements. In particular, the general exchange of views at the third session of the Committee included discussion

on and consideration of any proposals on expected products of the 2000 Review Conference. All statements are reflected in the summary records of those meetings.

II. SUBSTANTIVE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

13. The Committee held 21 meetings devoted to substantive discussions under agenda item 4 entitled "Preparatory work for the review of the operation of the Treaty in accordance with article VIII, paragraph 3, taking into account the decisions and the resolution adopted by the 1995 Review and Extension Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons". In doing so, the Committee used as a basis for a structured discussion the three sets of issues (clusters) contained in annex V to the Final Report of the Preparatory Committee to the 1995 Review and Extension Conference (NPT/CONF.1995/1).

14. At the first session, the Chairman put forward a working paper containing results of informal consultations on draft recommendations to the 2000 Review Conference (NPT/CONF.2000/PC.I/32, Annex II). The Committee then recommended that, at its second session, the official documents and other proposals submitted by delegations during the first session of the Preparatory Committee would be taken into account during further work on draft recommendations to the Review Conference and also the working paper submitted by the Chairman which would be interpreted in the light of the official documents and proposals made by delegations. The Committee also

recommended that it should continue, at its second session, the consideration of all aspects of the Treaty in a structured and balanced manner, in accordance with agenda item 4 entitled "Preparatory work for the review of the operation of the Treaty in accordance with article VIII, paragraph 3, taking into account the decisions and the resolution adopted by the 1995 Review and Extension Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons".

15. At its second session, the Committee allocated one meeting to the discussion on and consideration of any proposals on each of the following subject areas: (a) the provision in paragraph 4(b) of the "Principles and Objectives for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament" on a non-discriminatory and universally applicable convention banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices; (b) the resolution on the Middle East; and (c) security assurances for parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

16. At its third session, the Committee allocated one meeting to the discussion on and consideration of any proposals on each of the following subject areas: (a) the provisions in Article VI of the Treaty and in paragraphs 3 and 4 (c) of the "Principles and Objectives for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament", dealing with "Nuclear Disarmament"; (b) the provision in paragraph 4 (b) of the "Principles and Objectives for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament" for "the immediate commencement and early conclusion of negotiations on a non-discriminatory and universally applicable convention banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, in accordance with the statement of the Special

Coordinator of the Conference on Disarmament and the mandate contained therein"; and (c) the "Resolution on the Middle East".

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18. The Committee had before it a number of documents submitted by delegations. The list of the documents submitted during the Committee's sessions is contained in annex II to the present report.

III. ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE REVIEW CONFERENCE

19. In the course of its sessions, the Committee considered the following questions relating to the organization and work of the Conference:

(a) Dates and venue of the Conference;

(b) Draft rules of procedure of the Conference;

(c) Election of the President and other officers of the Conference;

(d) Appointment of the Secretary-General of the Conference;

(e) Provisional agenda of the Conference;

(f) Financing of the Review Conference, including its Preparatory Committee;

(g) Background documentation for the Conference;

(h) Final document(s) of the Conference.

(a) Dates and venue of the Conference

20. At its second session, the Committee reaffirmed its agreement, reached at its first session, that the 2000 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons would take place in New York from 24 April to 19 May 2000.

(b) Draft rules of procedure of the Conference

21. At its second and third sessions, the Committee considered the draft rules of procedure for the

Conference. At its third session, the Committee agreed to recommend to the Conference the draft rules of procedure as contained in annex III to this report.

(c) Provisional agenda for the Conference

22. At its third session, the Committee adopted the provisional agenda as contained in annex IV to the present report.

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(d) Financing of the Conference

23. At its second session, the Committee took note of the estimated costs of the Conference, including its Preparatory Committee (NPT/CONF.2000/PC.II/1) and agreed to the schedule of division of costs. At its third session, the Secretariat provided the Committee with revised estimated costs contained in document NPT/CONF.2000/PC.III/24. The schedule of division of costs is contained in the appendix to the draft rules of procedure as contained in annex III of this report.

(e) Background documentation

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(f) Final document(s) of the Conference

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IV. OFFICERS OF THE REVIEW CONFERENCE

26. At its third session, the Committee unanimously endorsed the candidacy of Mr. Jacob Selebi of South Africa for the presidency of the 2000 Review Conference.

27. Also at the third session, the Committee agreed to recommend that Main Committee I should be chaired by a representative of the Group of Non-Aligned and Other States (Colombia), Main Committee II should be chaired by a representative of the Group of Eastern European States (Poland) and that Main Committee III should be chaired by a representative of the Western Group (Finland).

28. The Committee also agreed to recommend that the post of Chairman of the Drafting

Committee should be assumed by the representative of the Group of Eastern European States, and the post of Chairman of the Credentials Committee by a representative of the Group of Non-Aligned and Other States.

V. APPOINTMENT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE REVIEW CONFERENCE

29. At its first session, the Committee decided to invite the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in consultation with the members of the Preparatory Committee, to nominate an official to act as provisional Secretary-General of the 2000 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, a nomination to be confirmed by the Conference itself. At its third session, the Committee was informed that, in response to that request, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, following consultations with the members of the Preparatory Committee, had nominated Mrs. Hannelore Hoppe, Department for Disarmament Affairs, as provisional Secretary-General of the Conference. The Committee took note of that nomination.

VI. PARTICIPATION AT THE REVIEW CONFERENCE

30. The Committee also decided that invitations to States which, in accordance with the decision on participation, were entitled to participate in the Conference, as well as to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency, should be issued by the Chairman of the third session of the Preparatory Committee.

VII. RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REVIEW CONFERENCE

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VIII. ADOPTION OF THE FINAL REPORT

32. The Preparatory Committee adopted its final report at its ... meeting, on ... 1999.

Annex I

SUMMARY RECORDS OF THE MEETINGS OF THE THIRD SESSION OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE

[To be distributed individually as NPT/CONF.2000/PC.III/SR.1- ...]

Annex II

LIST OF DOCUMENTS

[to be inserted]